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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PALESTINIAN TERROSIT TARGET

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1. FURTHER INQUIRIES HERE REVEAL THAT OUR EARLIER ESTIMATE OF PORT CALLS IN IZMIR CONSULAR DISTRICT BY PASSENGER SHIPS ON CRUISE/ CHARTER WHICH ARE EXPECTED FROM PAST EXPERIENCE TO HAVE LARGE NUMBERS OF AMERICANS ABOARD WAS ON LOW SIDE. THUS FAR WE HAVE COMPILED ITINERARIES FOR SOME TWENTY VESSELS PLYING EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND AEGEAN THIS SUMMER WHICH WILL MAKE APPROXIMATELY FOUR

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HUNDRED FIFTY- THREE PORT CALLS IN OUR CONUSLAR DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS: KUDADASI-377, IZMIR-53 AND BODRUM-23. ( SAME VESSELS WILL MAKE 169 CALLS IN ISTANBUL.)

2. WE ARE PASSING DATES OF PORT CALLS AND PERTINENT INFO TO LOCAL SECURITY AUTHORITIES. WE WILL ALSO SEND COPIES OF SHIP SCHEDULES TO TUR AS REQUESTED AS WELL AS TO EMBASSY ANKARA. IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION WE HAVE ALREADY COLLECTED, SHIP AGENTS AND TRAVEL AGENTS ARE CONTINUING TO PASS TO US DAILY MORE DATA REGARDING ADDITIONAL ARRIVALS WHICH WE WILL PASS ON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. BEYOND THOSE CALLS ABOUT WHICH WE WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN, THERE ARE NUMBER OF  
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VISITS WHICH CAN BE EXPECTED FROM UNSCHEDULED SHIPS ON CHARTER WHICH WE MAY NEVER HEAR ABOUT OR ONLY LEARN OF AT LAST MOMENT. ALSO MANY SMALLER VESSELS WILL MAKE LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF CALLS AT SMALLER PORTS IN SOUTHWESTERN TURKEY, PRINCIPALLY MAMARIS AND BORDRUM. (35 PERCENT OF ALL TOURISTS ENTERING TURKEY IN 1972 DID SO THROUGH MUGLA PROVINCE.) ACCORDING TO

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TURKISH STATISTICS, MORE THAN 210,000 TOURISTS FROM SHIPS MADE ONEDAY VISITS TO AEGEAN PORTS IN 1972. THERE WERE 510 PORT CALLS AT KUSADASI ALONE.

3. IN ADDITION TO ITINERARIES OF TEN VESSELS CARRIED BY MINISTER SPAIN TO ANKARA APR 10, WE ARE POUCHING TODAY ITINERARIES OF TEN MORE SHIPS WHICH WILL MAKE TWO HUNDRED SIX CALLS IN IZMIR CONSULAR DISTRICT. OF THESE , WE BELIEVE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO LOOK CLOSELY AT DUTCH FLAG S. S. STATENDAM WHICH LEFT NEW YORK APR 1 FOR MEDITERRANEAN CURISE AND WILL RETURN TO NEW YORK MAY 12. IT CARRIES FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY PASSENGERS, ALL RPT ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS. STATENDAM WILL ARRIVE IZMIR APR 17.

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